

## CAREERS FOR

# International Studies

## MAJORS

In an interconnected world, an in-depth understanding of our planet's many peoples and cultures is crucial in every domain from economic development to environmental sustainability. International Studies majors pair focused study of a world region with a broad survey of global issues. Intensive study of a selected region includes explorations of its culture, history, languages, economy, environment, political institutions, and geopolitical situation. UNM has several majors focusing on different regions of the world, each offering a rigorous and distinctive program of study. Because students in these majors often have similar career interests, we have grouped them together for the purposes of this guide.

- [International Studies](#) (students select thematic and regional concentrations)
- [East Asian Studies](#)
- [Latin American Studies](#)

These programs provide students an interdisciplinary foundation they can use to contribute to many fields and enterprises. Graduates often pursue careers in diplomacy, law, policy, national security, international business and humanitarian work.

### Industries & Occupations

#### Government, Law and Policy

- Foreign affairs, diplomacy, national security, intelligence, international aid, humanitarian relief, NGOs, economic development, international law,\* elected office, public policy, public administration, policy analysis, lobbying, advocacy, language interpretation

#### International Business

- Management, human resources, hospitality, translation services, entrepreneurship, administration, marketing

#### Museums and Cultural Affairs

- Community education, cultural preservation, curator, translator, researcher, writer, editor

#### K-12 and Higher Education

- English as a second language teacher, foreign language teacher,\* elementary school teacher,\* secondary school teacher,\* school administration,\* instructional coordinator, university faculty,\* multicultural student programming, study abroad adviser

\*Requires a license or graduate degree.

## Graduate School & Other Training

Some International Studies graduates choose to continue their studies in their regional concentration or in international affairs. Depending on their goals, graduates may benefit from professional degrees like a [Master's in Public Administration](#) or [Master's in Business Administration with a concentration in International Management](#). Others pursue further study to obtain the licensure required for certain professions, like teaching and law.

## Selected Employment & Internship Opportunities

[US Department of State](#)

[USAID](#)

[Federal Bureau of Investigation](#)

[Central Intelligence Agency](#)

[Peace Corps](#)

[AmeriCorps](#)

[New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs](#)

[New Mexico Asian Family Center](#)

[National Hispanic Cultural Center](#)

## Tips

- [Study abroad!](#) Real-world international experience will enrich your studies and provide skills essential for any job that includes an international component.
- Learning another language is crucial for most careers in international affairs and international business. Classes, study abroad programs, and conversation groups can help you build your language skills. Tutoring and conversation groups are available at the [CAPS Writing and Language Center](#) and the [Language Learning Center](#).
- Did you know that UNM Career Services hosts a [Diplomat in Residence](#)? A Foreign Service Officer is available right here on campus to discuss careers, internships and other opportunities with the US Department of State. Call or visit Career Services for more information.
- Earning a certificate is a great way to focus within your field. Students interested in international aid and diplomacy would benefit from UNM's [Peace Corps Prep Program](#). Students interested in national security would benefit from UNM's [National Security and Strategic Analysis Program](#). Many certificate program requirements can be completed within the course of your degree plan for your major.
- Where do you want to live in the near future? In the long-term? Most jobs in international affairs and international business will require you to move out of the country or to major centers of activity like Washington, DC. Career Services can help you figure out your priorities, goals and options.
- Many International Studies graduates pursue careers with federal agencies. Special programs for [students and recent grads](#) are a great way to get started with federal employment.

## Learn More

### UNM Departments and Programs

- [Education Abroad](#)
- [Foreign Languages and Literatures](#)
- [International Studies Institute](#)
- [Language Learning Center](#)
- [Latin American and Iberian Institute](#)
- [Linguistics](#)
- [National Security Studies Program](#)
- [Peace Corps Prep Certificate Program](#)
- [Writing and Language Center](#)

### Professional Associations

- [American Foreign Service Association](#)
- [Association for Asian Studies](#)
- [Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs](#)
- [Intelligence and National Security Alliance](#)
- [Latin American Studies Association](#)
- [Public Diplomacy Association of America](#)

### Resources

- [International Affairs Career Guide](#)
- [Is the Foreign Service Right for You? Quiz](#)
- [Register for Handshake: Jobs for Lobos](#)
- [O\\*NET](#)
- [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#)
- [Student Activities Center](#)
- [Buzzfile Employers by Major](#)

## Questions?

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